

FridayFACTS

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Network News

It was an exciting week for Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). On April 8, officials at Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) introduced the **J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center**.

The new center is located on the third floor of the 1210 building on the LVH-Cedar Crest campus in Salisbury Township. The approximately 15,000 square foot-facility features pediatric surgeons who use minimally invasive, state-of-the-art technology for general pediatric surgeries, including surgical urology, ear nose and throat, plastic surgery and dental surgery among other procedures, all on an outpatient basis.

Because it's located near the Children's ER, pediatrics unit and pediatric intensive care unit, the Children's Surgery Center also will:

- Provide a family-centered experience for children and parents
- Expand and improve existing services
- Further enhance the quality, safety and access of inpatient and outpatient children's surgical services
- Create efficiency
- Enhance all the care delivered at the only Children's Hospital in the Lehigh valley region.

The center is made possible thanks in part to the generosity of J.B. Reilly, founder and CEO of City Center Lehigh Valley, and his wife, Kathleen. It is the latest addition to Children's Hospital at LVH, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary next month.

On April 13, president and CEO Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACEOP, announced that **LVHN and Schuylkill Health System (SHS) have signed a definitive agreement to merge**. The transaction is subject to the typical regulatory review associated with this type of transaction, and is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

LVHN and SHS have worked together to care for burn and stroke patients through the use of telemedicine, and other patients who require a higher level of specialized care. LVHN's mission first and foremost is to heal, comfort and care for the people of our community by providing advanced and compassionate health care of superior quality and value supported by education and clinical research. Several thousand people travel from Schuylkill County to LVHN for tertiary services each year.

EVS/Facilities Director Named

Darren Wenner has been named director of EVS and facilities at LVH-Hazleton.

He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State University and 23 years of experience in hospitals and health care facilities. His experience includes management of facility services, facility renovations and construction projects.



In his role at LVH-Hazleton, Wenner is responsible for environmental services, inpatient transportation, patient shuttle, courier and facilities. He can be contacted at 570-501-4088 or by email at Darren.wenner@lvhn.org.

Wenner and his wife of 24 years live in Lehigh Valley with their two sons. Please join in welcoming him to our LVHN family.

Volunteer Week

This week, April 10-16, is National Volunteer Week. We wish to extend heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers who provide caring and compassionate support throughout the year to our patients, families and visitors. We recognize the important work that you do and are happy that you are part of the LVHN family.

Weight Loss Competition Update

The weight loss competition continues through April with the final weigh in April 25-29. The winning team for March was Heavy Rollers. The runners up were: Mean Machine, Dump the Rump and Chubs in Scrubs.

Keep up the great work. Only a few weeks to go.

LVHN 5K Run/Walk

The LVHN 5K Run/Walk committee is putting final touches on plans for the April 30 event. Don't miss it. Register today. Early registration deadline is April 16. Fee: \$20. Race day or late registration fee: \$25. Applications are available at LVHN.org/hazleton or by calling 570-501-6953.



Pictured in photo: (Front row L-R) Joe Stanavage, Fitness Center; Melissa Curto, HWC administrator; Joe Aquilina, occupational health. (Back row L-R) Barbara Hunsinger, cardiology; Laura Jones, occupational health; Corinne Stone, cardiac rehab; and Cesare Anciburo, LVPG Mountain Top.

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